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Dorsey Trailer Company hosts nationwide dealer meeting in Elba on Thursday and Friday



CHRISS STREET, CEO of The Dorsey Trailer Company, is shown receiving a "Welcome Back to Elba" Certificate of Recognition just delivered by special courier from Alabama Governor Don Siegelman. Presenting the certificate is Rhonda Lyn, public relations specialist, with the Elba trailer company. The certificate arrived during a special Dorsey dealer meeting held in Elba last week.

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

A host of long time Dorsey Trailer dealers descended on Elba for a multi day company/dealer meeting last Thursday and Friday. The dealers were here to get refreshed on what the company has to offer, meet the members of the new management team, tour the Elba plant and observe first hand the changes the facility is undergoing.

They were also made keenly aware of the professional abilities of the experienced workers at the local manufacturing facility and the loyalty to the Dorsey name by these workers and the community as a whole.

This was the first public

effort by the company owners in their quest of restoring Dorsey Trailers to the forefront of an industry it long led before falling on hard times and ultimately into bankruptcy last year.

Company CEO Chriss Street has exhibited an openness rare in today's business world as he plots the course for a successful return of the Dorsey product line to greatness. He freely discussed plans and goals with the dealers, public officials and with the news media.

Street told the dealers of plans to begin building a few new specialty trailers this month and gradually expanding the workforce as the orders for new trailers increase. The com-

pany plans a much wider range of products than was produced here in recent years. Flatbed trailers were made in a Georgia plant near Atlanta for several years, but the materials, designs and jigs for this work have been returned to the Elba facility by the new owners. That line of trailers will be joined by a number of other high-quality specialty products to be built in Elba, all designed to make the company successful again and offer steady employment to area citizens.

On Thursday, the dealers were fed a locally catered noon meal right in their main meeting room. Thursday night they gathered again at "Aunt B's" with a number of compa-

ny representatives, former company representatives who still had personal friendships with the long time dealers and other local citizens to discuss Dorsey Trailers, the people and life in Elba and the world's problems. A grilled steak and potato dinner, followed by a wide variety of desserts, helped the dealers understand the finer details of each of these matters much better.

Also joining the group Thursday night was Mrs. Anne Payne, director of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, which is working closely with the management to get the local facility back into operation.

New Brockton Town Council gets update on furniture sale for peanut butter monument

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council zoomed through its agenda Monday evening, Aug. 6, during the regular monthly meeting as most items served only as updates for the council.

Mayor Charles Cole began the meeting by updating council members on the sale of furniture for the Peanut Butter Monument.

Since the beginning of June, the Town of New Brockton has been selling furniture built by Rayfield Reynolds of Elba as an effort to accumulate funds for the erection of a monument commemorating New Brockton as the first town in the nation to produce number one peanut butter.

During Monday evening's meeting, Cole told council members that the town has made \$891 thus far in the sale of the furniture. Also, he said there are currently several orders for various items of furniture awaiting construction.

"We're still not really pushing it (the furniture sale)," Cole said. "This has mostly come from people reading or hearing about it."

He said anyone interested in purchasing a piece of the wood furniture should contact the New Brockton Town Hall. Pieces are available for view or orders can be taken.

New Brockton Police Chief Jerry Gilbert was scheduled to address the council with an update of the cellular phone service; however, Gilbert was unable to attend the meeting due

to family obligations. Mayor Cole said it is his understanding that the digital units approved by the council for purchase during the July meeting are serving the needs of the police department. The digital units were purchased to replace the cellular telephones in the patrol cars. During the July meeting, Gilbert told council members he felt moving to the digital system would better serve the department and would be more cost effective.

Mayor Cole also took the responsibility of delivering the police chief's monthly report to council members during Monday evening's meeting.

He said the chief had told him that the patrol cars are averaging about 50 miles per shift, and gas cost the town approximately \$188 less during the month of July.

The mayor also announced that Brandon Lassiter, a full-time police officer, had left the department to accept a position elsewhere. Cole said the town was not looking to replace Lassiter with another full-time officer, and a part-time officer had already been acquired to replace him.

Jeff Shelton has been hired by the police department to serve as a part-time officer.

"This will give us only four full-time officers," Cole said.

In regards to uniform traffic citations, Cole said the department had written tickets for the following during the month of July.

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Public involvement meeting on removal of crooked bridge set for Thursday, Aug. 9

The Alabama Department of Transportation will hold a public involvement meeting for Project No. BR-484(5), Coffee County, on Thursday, Aug. 9, 2001 between the hours of 5:30 and 7 p.m. at the Elba Elementary School Cafeteria located at 102 Tiger Drive in Elba.

This project concerns the removal of the bridge over White Water Creek (crooked bridge) on Alabama Highway 125 in Elba.

During the July 9 meeting of the Elba City Council, a resolution was approved by the council at the request of the Alabama

Department of Transportation to remove the crooked bridge in conjunction with the levee work planned by the Corp. of Engineers.

A formal presentation will not be made at the Thursday, Aug. 9, public involvement meeting, and interested citizens are encouraged to attend at their convenience during the specified for the meeting. Citizens will be provided information concerning the project by view visual displays and by participating in informal conversations with Department of Transportation personnel.



TOUGH TO TRAVEL... The driver of the above tractor-trailer was unable to keep his rig on the road Monday afternoon, Aug. 6, as he headed toward the Elba area. It appears the driver had made a left hand turn off of Alabama Highway 141 onto U.S. Highway 84 near the Curtis community when he lost control, and the vehicle rolled on its side. Non-hazardous materials were being transported at the time of the accident, and the driver escaped without injury; however, the Elba Fire Department and Coffee County EMS responded to the scene for precautionary measures. Winds and rain from Tropical Storm Barry moved through the Elba area late Sunday night, Aug. 5, and Monday, Aug. 6, but it is unknown if the weather played a part in the accident. The accident was investigated by a local unit of the Alabama State Troopers office.

Siegelman unveils round two of Ten Most Wanted campaign

Gov. Don Siegelman last week unveiled the second phase of an ad campaign designed to bring some of Alabama's worst dead-beat parents to justice by publicizing their names and faces in newspapers across the state. The "Hide and Seek" ads will be published in seven different regions throughout the state.

"We must continue to support the vast majority of Alabama parents who work hard every day to

do right by their kids," said Siegelman. "But mark my words, for those who turn their backs on their children and hide from their responsibility as parents, we will seek you out."

The 70 individuals pictured in the "Hide and Seek" ads owe nearly \$3 million in child support. Each of the ads pictures 10 offenders from a region in Alabama and lists the county of their last address, amount owed

and number of children. "Hide and Seek" will run as a full-page ad in the newspaper with the largest circulation in each county in Alabama.

Each of the regional lists has been compiled from data submitted by county departments of Human Resources. To make the list, offenders must owe substantial child support obligations and also have a demonstrated long-term lack of cooperation with the Child Support Program.

Since the "Lost Dogs" ads were first published in February, five of the top offenders have been located. Since the ad campaign began, child support collections jumped by \$1.7 million from individuals contacted and informed they were eligible to be included in the ads.

Siegelman has unveiled his Early Learning Commission report, which details a comprehensive, 45-step strategy designed to improve early learning for all of Alabama's children. Last week, Siegelman visited a parenting center at the Huntsville Hospital to discuss the parenting component of the report. According to the report, parents are their children's first and most important teachers.

Siegelman was joined for this announcement by Bill Fuller, commissioner of the Alabama Department of Human Resources, Governor Siegelman and I pledge to be increasingly aggressive

and turn up the heat for the parents who insist on shirking their responsibilities to their children," said Fuller.

Alabama's Ten Most Wanted legislation was passed last year by the Alabama Legislature after Siegelman announced the initiative in his 2000 State of the State address. The law requires the Alabama Department of Human Resources (DHR) to publish top ten lists of delinquent child support obligors twice each year in Alabama newspapers.

Anyone information related to these offenders can report it to DHR on a special toll-free number, 1-877-774-9512. Visit <http://www.dhr.state.al.us/> for more information on this program or other DHR efforts.

NOTICE

The Elba City Board of Education met in a special called board meeting on Tuesday, July 31, 2001. The Board voted and approved the recommendation of Superintendent Danny Weeks to hire James (Jetty) Wise as a social studies teacher and coach for Elba High School and Janna Hutchison as an office aide for Elba Elementary School.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Stem cell research and human cloning are two issues which will almost guarantee an argument if mentioned in a crowd of three or more people anywhere in the USA. While both are related issues, they are at the same time miles apart. The amazing things Americans often refuse to accept is that we are not the center of the universe and the only people who can walk and chew gum at the same time. That is to say, both of these are going to happen regardless of the position taken on them in the USA. In fact, it would not surprise us to learn that experiments are underway on human cloning right now somewhere in the world.

The stem cell research issue can be accepted rather easily if a person looks at someone sitting paralyzed in a wheelchair and realizes this person could be helped with this research. Then, to know there are already frozen embryos which are destined to be trashed because the couples who created them no longer want or need them could help the public to accept this possible miracle work. Apparently the hesitations on this issue come more from the fear that creating more of these frozen embryos will become a cottage industry, rather than what it is today.

The cloning issue is more clear cut and easier to understand. Regardless of a person's view or nay position on human cloning, there is a more immediate concern. The cloning of animals has been without continued problems and the same can be expected with humans. Therefore, if it is to become a reality anywhere in the world, we would hope and pray they solve these problems in animals before creating a generation of what could be described as human monsters, or blobs of human organs with little or no thinking ability lying in some obscure testing lab.

We got a letter this week (unsigned) from a loyal reader who was pointing out errors in an recent article. The writer was disappointed in us, but had upset with the writer of the signed article. However, this unknown writer was wise enough for experienced enough not to take a "holier than thou" position because ironically there were errors in this letter also. None of us like to let it known that we make errors, but it happens and when it is in the newspaper, it is spread out for the world to see. You can take our word on this, but repeated occurrences don't make these mistakes easier to accept. Getting the letter doesn't offend us at all, and hopefully it won't offend the original writer. It actually helps us push ourselves and the staff to strive for improvement. What does continue to bother us is when people don't have enough confidence in us and our ability to take criticism to sign their letters.

Page seven this week is a full page depicting several people who are more than a little behind in their child support payments. We have mixed feelings on this issue. While we strongly believe each parent should support any and all of their children, even without a court order, there are some upsetting stories out there of non-custodial parents who have really been mistreated in support payment court orders. Looking at this ad we can add another concern to our list. There is no way some of these people can ever, ever catch up with their back payments, even if they wanted to do so! We assume there is an ongoing monthly payment due from each one and to fulfill that obligation and live plus catch up those thousands and thousands of dollars in back payments would stagger even many well-to-do persons.

Folk, we all owe another special prayer of thankfulness to God this week. He spared Tallahassee, even a threat of dangerously high water this week when the tropical storm Barry came roaring in from the Gulf of Mexico and struck the Panhandle of Florida before moving on up through Alabama and on into Mississippi. As his happened a number of times, there was damage to the East and to the West during the night Sunday and on Monday, but we continued about our lives as if God had placed a protective shield around us. Excessive rains left as much as 14 inches of water as far East as Tallahassee. Florida and high winds did considerable damage right next door in Covington County. One visitor to our office Monday equated it to God placing a shield around us for special protection who can argue with her explanation?

We recently read a horror story dealing with the complicated US income tax code. Of course the good side of this situation is it is going to force our lawmakers into re-examining the entire tax code sooner rather than later and hopefully they will vastly simplify this two-headed monster in the process. Right now with the recent tax cut legislation, even the smartest of experts can't be sure when advising people on estate and/or old age financial planning. The only way they could be absolutely sure would be know someone was going to die at an exact time within the next ten years.

The National Security Group, Inc. announces share results. Results for the three months ended March 31, 2001 and 2000, based on generally accepted accounting principles, were reported as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2001	2000
Premium Income	\$6,162,000	\$5,776,000
Investment Income	1,048,000	1,055,000
Realized Investment Gains	428,000	949,000
Total Revenues	8,337,000	7,868,000
Net Income	\$ 551,000	\$1,111,000
Net Income Per Share	\$.27	\$.54

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A safeguard for consumers' rights.....

Guest Editorial by Bill Pryor

An important duty of the Attorney General, though not as well-known as some functions of this office, is to protect consumers. As Attorney General, I have the responsibility to enforce federal and state laws that are designed to protect consumers. The Attorney General's Office of Consumer Affairs provides three primary services for the State of Alabama and its residents: (1) serve as the mediator of consumers' complaints that relate to retail transactions; (2) investigate allegations of fraud or illegal practices by a business that may violate state or federal laws; and (3) offers information and consumer education to the public about how to avoid becoming a victim of fraud. Our office cannot serve as an individual's private attorney in a dispute with a business, but in many instances, we are successful in mediating complaints to the mutual satisfaction and benefit of the consumer and business.

If circumstances warrant, the Attorney General's office can initiate legal action, either civil or criminal, to enforce the laws of Alabama and represent the various laws designed to protect consumers from con artists and unscrupulous business practices. Civil and criminal actions may be taken against individuals under the deceptive trade practices act, federal anti-trust laws, charitable fraud act, identity theft act, and the theft by deception act. The Attorney General is authorized to seek damages or restitution on behalf of affected consumers, as well as possible injunctive relief, civil penalties, and even incarceration if a criminal conviction is obtained.

The Consumer Division of my office has two attorneys dedicated full-time to consumer issues. In addition, consumer specialist and support staff are assigned to handle consumer complaints and have access to our investigative Division to aid them in resolving these complaints.

A consumer can file a complaint by calling our toll-free hotline at 800-392-5658, filing an online complaint form by visiting our web site at www.ag.state.al.us, or by completing a complaint form provided by my office. After a complaint is received in this office, it will be assigned to a consumer specialist. This person will respond to the consumer and send an inquiry to the business involved. Once information is received from the business, the consumer specialist will, in many cases, mediate a solution to the satisfaction of both the consumer and the business.

My office also is committed to educating consumers so they will not become victims of fraud. We provide pamphlets that inform consumers about various types of scams, frauds that are prevalent in society. A visit to the consumer section of our web site reveals many helpful tips on a variety of consumer-related topics. To reach consumers, members of

my staff regularly have speaking engagements to provide information and we display educational materials at various exhibitions throughout the State of Alabama.

As a consumer, you should understand your alternatives before signing any agreements with a business. Always get a written estimate stating the work to be done before paying

for it. Ask for references of past customers in your area and contact them before paying any money. In addition, a consumer can call this office to see if companies have other complaints filed against them. And remember, if the offer sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Bill Pryor is the Attorney General of Alabama.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, July 30, 2001, investigated the following incidents: one harassment, one disturbance, one VPL and three assaults.

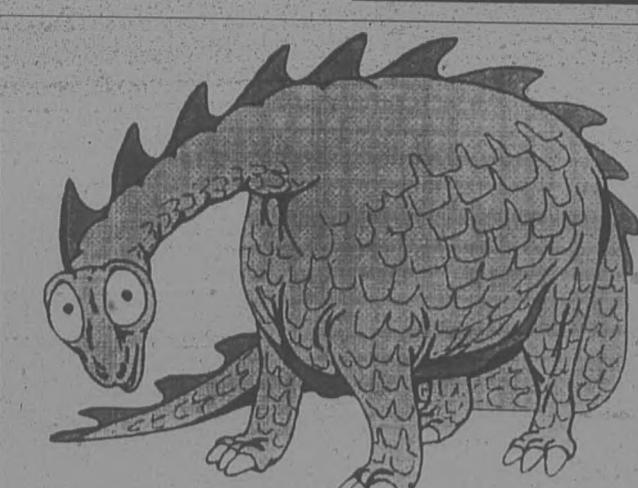
The following arrests were made: one for VPL, one for public lewdness, one for harassment, one for failure to appear and one for assault.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: nine for speeding, one for running a stop sign, two for no tag, one for violation of the child restraint law, two for driver's license not in possession, one for no insurance, and seven for violation of the seat belt law.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, JULY 30: Alarm activated at 2352 Highway 84 W (6:37 a.m.); Alarm activated at Weeks Tire (6:49 a.m.); River stage - 6.04 feet (6:49 a.m.); Minor wreck reported on the lot of O.K. Tire Store (9:27 a.m.); Alarm activated at Weeks Tire (6:11 p.m.); Loud and excessive noise reported in Mulberry Heights (9:21 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JULY 31: River stage - 5.76 feet (6:44 a.m.); Possible domestic disturbance reported at 1025 Dayton (7:42 p.m.); Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1: Fire department dispatched to a trailer fire at 1628 Soudenire Street (6:04 a.m.); River stage - 5.70 feet (6:12 a.m.); Routine activity.



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Boyd Hartzog retires from Alabama State Trooper position

Trooper Boyd Hartzog has officially retired from his position as an Alabama State Trooper.

Trooper Hartzog served as a member of the Alabama Department of Public Safety for a period of 26 years. He began his career in May of 1975 as a communications officer within the Grove Hill District. Later that year, he transferred to the Dothan Trooper post serving in the same capacity until he was accepted into the State Trooper Academy in Montgomery in 1977. After graduation, Trooper Hartzog's first assignment as a trooper was in Houston County where he served until his retirement.

At the beginning of his career, Trooper Hartzog was called away to special duty on several occasions during the coal mine and trucking strikes in North Alabama. Trooper Hartzog worked on both the highway patrol and the administrative divisions. His work consisted of accident reconstruction, traffic homicide investigation, and conducting alcohol testing programs for certified law enforcement officers throughout the state.

Trooper Hartzog was honored twice by being selected as "Trooper of the Year," an award presented by the Dothan Optimist Club. Trooper Hartzog



Pictured from left: New Brockton Police Chief Jerry Gilbert, Coffee County Deputy Jim Richardson, Retiring State Trooper Boyd Hartzog, Alabama State Trooper Willie White and Elba Police Chief Ronnie Whitworth.

also served in the Alabama National Guard's Criminal Intelligence Unit in Montgomery until his retirement in 1996.

Upon his retirement from the state, Trooper Hartzog plans to go into private business in

Enterprise conducting safety programs and reconstructing traffic accidents.

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July 33 for speeding, three for DUI, one for no driver's license, one for suspended license, six for violation of the seat belt law, 19 for violation of the insurance law, one for reckless driving, one for attempting to elude, two for running a stop sign, and one for vehicle not registered. Other police investigations during July included: three accidents, one burglary, five thefts of property, three domestic violence, four arrests on warrants, four harassment, one possession of a controlled substance, five criminal mischief, one public intoxication and one trespassing.

During the month of July, the New Brockton Fire Department responded to one house fire and one vehicle fire. The animal control officer collected eight dogs which were transported to the animal control shelter in Elba.

In other business, the council set a public hearing for Monday, Aug. 20, concerning a revised zoning ordinance. The public hearing will be at 6 p.m. Received word from Mayor Cole that a draft of the yearly budget will be available for the August work session. Cole said the city is still looking for ways to save money.

Presented a plaque of appreciation to J.C. McKinzie for work he provided to the city in setting up a sprinkler system. Approved the paying of the monthly bills by the city clerk. The New Brockton Town Council will meet again on Monday, Sept. 3, at 7 p.m. in the council chambers of the town hall.

Elba COC plans annual banquet for Sept. 27

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual banquet on the evening of Sept. 27. The Elba High School commons area is the site of the banquet which will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Special awards will be presented during the evening, and a video highlighting some of Elba's businesses will be shown. Dress for the event is casual.

Clark Theatres • Enterprise	Clark Theatres • Elba
11-12-13-14-15-16	11-12-13-14-15-16
Enterprise Shopping Center	Enterprise Shopping Center
1. AMERICAN PIE 2 (PG-13)	1. AMERICAN PIE 2 (PG-13)
M-F 7:45P - 9:15P, SAT 7:45P-9:15P	M-F 7:45P - 9:15P, SAT 7:45P-9:15P
*No Pases *No Wed. Night Disc.	*No Pases *No Wed. Night Disc.
2. RUSH HOUR 2 (PG-13)	2. RUSH HOUR 2 (PG-13)
M-F 7:45P-9:15P, SAT 7:45P-9:15P	M-F 7:45P - 9:15P, SAT 7:45P-9:15P
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Westgate Center	Westgate Center
3. JURASSIC PARK 3 (PG-13)	3. JURASSIC PARK 3 (PG-13)
M-F 7:45P - 9:15P, SAT 7:45P-9:15P	M-F 7:45P - 9:15P, SAT 7:45P-9:15P
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4. SPIRIT (PG)	4. SPIRIT (PG)
FRI 7:00P - SAT 287 - SUN 2:00P	FRI 7:00P - SAT 287 - SUN 2:00P
AMERICAN SWEETHEARTS (PG-13)	AMERICAN SWEETHEARTS (PG-13)
M-F 7:45P-9:15P, SAT 7:45P-9:15P	M-F 7:45P - 9:15P, SAT 7:45P-9:15P
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College Cinema • College Plaza	College Cinema • College Plaza
1. PLANET OF THE APES (PG-13)	1. PLANET OF THE APES (PG-13)
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3. THE OTHERS (PG-13)	3. THE OTHERS (PG-13)
M-F 7:45P-9:15P, SAT 7:45P-9:15P	M-F 7:45P - 9:15P, SAT 7:45P-9:15P
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Bargain Matinees Sat. & Sun. 2 p.m. only - all seats - \$4.50	Bargain Matinees Sat. & Sun. 2 p.m. only - all seats - \$4.50
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Family of Nan Foley Driggers

Thank you for walking with God and our family and for comforting us during this time of mourning.

The Driggers Family

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Matthew 5:4

With Deep Appreciation from this family of Buck Donaldson:

May you rest a flower, Or send a prayer for us, During our darkest hour, Perhaps a dish of food was placed upon our table, Or some kind words of sympathy were expressed to mend our broken hearts.

We must accept God's calling him, So we will say thank you Lord For people like Buck and you. We are forever grateful.

Sarah Donaldson & Children

Note of Thanks

I want to thank my daughter Julie and son Steve and their families and my husband Leon for the wonderful surprise birthday party they gave me!

Thanks also to Lynn Weeks and Danny for all the hard work and help they provided.

Also, for all the lovely cards and gifts from them and everyone else.

But, most of all, my deepest appreciation to everyone who came and shared this special time in my life. All of you mean so much to me.

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Obituaries

CECIL NUNN

Mr. Cecil Nunn, age 79, of 6001 5th Street, Northport, Ala., died Aug. 6, 2001 at DCH Health Center in Northport. Graveside services and burial were held Aug. 7, 2001 at Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Rev. Fred Fowler officiating and Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include three sons: Dwight Nunn and Travis Nunn, both of Elba; Ron Nunn, Robertsdale, Ala.; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

MINNIE LEE ROWE YELVERTON

Minnie Lee Rowe "Mama Lee" Yelverton, age 87, died July 31, 2001.

Funeral services were held August 4, 2001 at Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Elba with Rev. Ruben McKinnon officiating. Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directed the burial.

Mrs. Yelverton was preceded in death by her husband, Milton J. Yelverton.

Survivors include two daughters: Annie Cile Hicks (Earl), Richmond, Va.; Jamesie C. Rivers (Andrew), Enterprise; eight grandchildren: Under Copeland (Geneva), Janet (Hazen DePina), Daleville, Ala.; one son: Harold E. "Hal" Hazen Jr., Houston, Texas; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

grandchildren: James Hicks Clements, Adrienne Copeland, Arick Copeland, Alicia Copeland, Takeysha Hicks, Ashton Copeland, Kristophe Rivers and Madison Myles; and one great-grandchild: My Asia Clements.

HAROLD E. HAZEN

Mr. Harold E. Hazen Sr., age 76, of 878 North Claxton, Elba, Ala., died Aug. 6, 2001 at Elba General Hospital.

Private family graveside services and burial will be held Thursday, Aug. 9, 2001, at 11 a.m. at Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Dr. Tony Dye officiating and Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Memorials may be made to Westside Baptist Church of Elba (Floral contributions are to be omitted).

Survivors include his wife: Theda Clark Hazen, Elba; one daughter: Janet (Hazen DePina), Daleville, Ala.; one son: Harold E. "Hal" Hazen Jr., Houston, Texas; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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MISCELLANEOUS NEWS



THE ELBA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1951 HELD ITS 50TH YEAR REUNION on July 28, 2001. Graduates and their spouses gathered at the Wallace Miller Country Home in New Brockton for a fellowship luncheon. That night they met for dinner at Ryan's restaurant. Twenty-five of the 47 class members were in attendance.

The eight deceased members are Mary Hunter Sanders Ammons, Lewis Merrill Brooks, Charles Canley, Ray Flowers, Billy Head, Ruby Nell Wilks Muckle, Evelyn Rainey, and Joy Parker-Vickers. Donations were made to place books in the Elba City Library as a memorial to them. Benevolence cards were sent to Jean Kemp Cade, Barbara Jones, and Helen LeCompte Vinson.

Special recognition was given to John Enzor, Billy Flowers, and Ann Watkins Miller for attending Elba Schools all twelve grades. The group decided to reunite next year at the same time in July.

Pictured: Front row - left to right: Dora Jacobs Colquett, Syble King Hahn, Marie Farris McCurley, Betty Rushing Rogers, Sara Farris Picantoni, Dorothy Galtmore Ennis, Laura Dewberry Kelley, Sara Dye Rhoades, Roxie Walker Smith, Betty Plant Fuller, Ann Watkins Miller.

Back row - left to right: Terrell Nall, Helen Goodson Baggett, Wilson Dyess, Rebecca Kelley Davis, John Joseph Enzor, Billy Ray Flowers, Brian Turman, Douglas Green, Earlene Ammons Kelley, Eugene Devane, Walter Smith, Hugh Parker. Not available for the picture were Albert Lee and James Parker.



Participants in the 2001 Alabama Governor's School at Samford University this summer included four Coffee County residents, from left, Grace Varney and Rebecca Lawrence, both of Enterprise; and Katherine Grimes and Brittany Daniels, both of Elba.

Area residents attend Alabama Governor's School at Samford University

Four Coffee County residents were chosen to participate in the 2001 session of Alabama Governor's School (AGS) at Samford University July 8-20.

They are: Brittany Daniels and Katherine Grimes, both students at Elba High School; and Rebecca Lawrence and Grace Varney, both students at Enterprise High School.

A total of 81 students from 28 counties attended the two-week honors program for rising high school seniors.

AGS participants received college level experience in academics, creativity and leadership. Each student selected major and minor areas of coursework. Subjects included the legal process, urban geography, Southern culture, the environment and web design.

Grimes, daughter of Roy and Michelle Grimes, was enrolled in classes in photography and Alabama's flora and fauna.

Lawrence, daughter of Walter Lawrence and Diana Lawrence, was enrolled in classes in Alabama heroes and Southern culture.

Varney, daughter of Richard and Marica Varney, was enrolled in classes in research science and the Classics.

Daniels, daughter of Glenn Daniels, was enrolled in video production and Southern culture.

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Mt. Vernon Assembly of God Church to celebrate Homecoming on Sunday

Mt. Vernon Assembly of God Church, located on Coffee County Road 330, Elba, will celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, Aug. 12. The featured speakers/singers for the morning and afternoon services will be The Thompsons from Grand Ridge, Fla. A covered dish lunch will be served after the morning service. Everyone is invited to attend.

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"Pure Heart" to be in concert at New Ebenezer Baptist Church, August 25

Gospel Singing at New Ebenezer Baptist Church. Pure Heart will be in concert at New Ebenezer Baptist Church August 25, 2001 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited. For more information, please call at New Ebenezer Baptist Church at 897-0584.

Debra Pope to be speaking at Country Cathedral, August 12

Debra Pope, wife of Larry Pope, a former resident of Elba for many years, will be speaking at Country Cathedral on August 12, 2001 at 6 p.m. Debra was recently raised off her deathbed where she had spent the last year and three months battling terminal cirrhosis of the liver and severe kidney complications. Several doctors had told her that there was "no hope, death is eminent". Debra refused to succumb to their report and she and her family chose to trust God for her healing and restoration. After Hospice had been called out to her thanksgiving week 2000, she encountered a tremendous turnaround. Everyone is invited to come hear her remarkable testimony.

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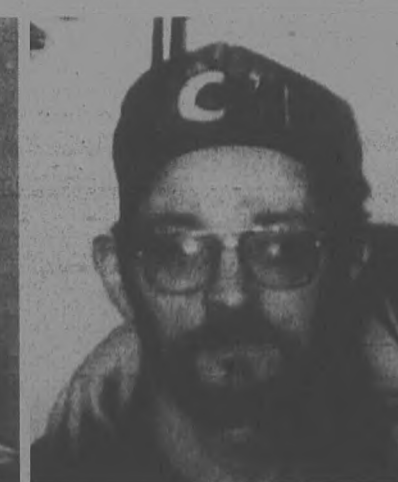
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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Ever since we got a new outdoor dog I have bought dog food in the twenty-five pound bags to save money. While the change did result in a change of food for our inside dog, I figured he would eat if he got hungry enough, and after a while he did quit his gouting and started eating the new food. The new problem is that I haven't figured out yet if he likes the "kibbles" or the "bits." Whenever he eats, he picks out some of the shapes and leaves the others, and then I have to mix the uneaten food back in the bag and pour out some more for the next meal. Oh well, at least the outdoor dog enjoys it!

PASSING IT ALONG....

Elba's Coach Mike Waters told me last week that the Tigers had 33 players show up for the preseason meeting, and he felt like this year's squad would include somewhere between 25 and 30 players once the season started. The Tigers were hit hard by injuries and a lack of players back in the spring and had only around 20 players left to practice by the time the drills ended, but it seems like some of the excitement is back on the Elba campus, and that being on the football team is once again something to be proud of. After five straight losing seasons, Coach Waters and his troops have a long way to go to make it back to the top in Class 3A. However, the Tigers seem to have taken the first step back and are determined to take many more steps this season. Hey, the bite may be back for the Tigers.

The Elba Tiger coaching staff was completed last week with the addition of Jerey Wise. Wise was a former All-State linebacker for the Tigers under Coach Mack Wood and achieved everything he ever got through hard work and determination. Coach Wise bleeds back and gold, loves Elba Tiger football, and should be able to make the players understand just what being an Elba Tiger really means. There is no doubt that Coach Jerey Wise will be a valuable member of the Elba Tiger, and Elba High School family, and that he is right back where he belongs.

Elba Lady Tiger basketball standout Roshanda McKinnon made it official last week when she signed a basketball scholarship with George C. Wallace Community College, in Dothan. McKinnon was one of the area's top prep players for the past three years and twice was named to the "Super 12" squad by The Dothan Eagle. The fact she played at Elba High and was under-sold for an inside player kept her from being recruited by the four-year colleges, and many junior colleges thought she would sign with a bigger school, and they too failed to go after McKinnon. It was only through her persistence that she was able to sign with Wallace. Her story sounds a lot like that of another former Elba High standout that was too short and too little to play major college football. His name was Ronald McKinnon, Roshanda's older brother, who proved everyone wrong and is now a star in the NFL. If Roshanda has the drive and determination of her brother, she too may one day make a lot of college recruiters look bad.

The tragic death of Corey Stringer of the Minnesota Vikings last week from a heart stroke should really get the thousands of high school coaches around the nation thinking about the old practice of two-day workouts in the hot summer sun. The days of working the kids until they were too tired to continue have long since been past, but many coaches still like to squeeze in all the preseason drills possibly in hopes of finding out who really wants to pay the price. After what happened last week, one has to stop and think what exactly the price may be.

In closing, this week closes out registration for the youth football players and cheerleaders in Elba, and I urge parents to not least give their kids a chance to see what the sports are all about. Don't let what you read in the papers prevent you from letting your boys give football a try, and please don't let the fear of spending money keep your girls from cheering. The kids don't sign their name in blood when they register, and they can always change their minds. Just give 'em a chance to find out for themselves!

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OCTOBER 12	HOUSTON ACAD.	AWAY
OCTOBER 19	SLOCOMB *	HOME
OCTOBER 26	SAMSON *	HOME
NOVEMBER 2	KINSTON	AWAY

Schedules are the same, but many area teams will be looking for better results during 2001 season

The kickoff for the 2001 high school football season is only three weeks away, and this season area football fans will get the chance to see double the action in the opening week as both the Elba Tigers and Brantley Bulldogs will open their seasons on Thursday, August 30, when they host the J.F. Shields Panthers.

Following is a preview of the schedules for area teams:

ELBA TIGERS

The Elba Tigers will be under the direction of their fifth coach in the past eight years when they open the season under the leadership of Coach Mike Waters, and while the head coach will be new, the schedule will be identical to that of a year ago.

The Tigers will open their season on Thursday, August 30, when they travel to Straughn to battle the powerful Straughn Tigers, then will return to the highway on Sept. 7 when they head down to Samson to tangle with the always tough Samson Tigers. Elba will hit the road for the third straight week on Sept. 14 when they open region play against the Luvierne Tigers, but will then get to enjoy the comforts of home for the next two weeks as the Opp Bobcats come to Tiger Stadium on Sept. 21, followed by region opponent Flomaton Hurricanes on Sept. 28. Elba's three-game home stand will continue on Oct. 5 with a battle against the high powered Highland Home Flying Saucers, while the Tigers will then make the trip to East Brewton to meet another region foe in the W.S. Neal Blue Eagles on Oct. 12. Elba will be at home the next two weeks and will close out region action when they host the highly-touted Washington County Bulldogs on Oct. 19 and the Gulf Shores Dolphins

on Oct. 26. The Oct. 26 clash with Gulf Shores will be homecoming at Elba High. Elba will close out the season with a visit to Montgomery for a clash against the Trinity Wildcats on Nov. 2.

The Elba Tigers will face a schedule this season that includes nine teams that made the state playoffs last season, which means Coach Waters, his staff and his players will have to hit the ground running if they hope to post a winning record and earn a spot in the post-season play.

BRANTLEY BULLDOGS

The Brantley Bulldogs will once again be under the leadership of Coach David Lowery when they kick off the 2001 season, and this season's schedule includes two Thursday night games, one Saturday night game, and one very long road trip.

The Bulldogs will open the season on Thursday, August 30, when they host the J.F. Shields Panthers, and will remain at home in weeks #2 and #3 when they host county rival Highland Home on Sept. 7 and region foe G.W. Long on Sept. 14. The Bulldogs will take the long ride to Silas on Saturday, Sept. 22, when they butt heads with 2A power Southern Choctaw, then will return home on Sept. 28 when they host region opponent Kinston. Brantley will head to Arton on Oct. 5 for a region clash with the Arton Purple Cats, but will be back at home on Thursday, Oct. 11 when they host the Florida Wildcats in yet another key region battle. The Bulldogs will close out the season with three straight road games, beginning on Nov. 19 with a region contest against the Zion Chapel Rebels. On Oct. 26, Brantley will travel to face region foe Pleasant Home, while the Bulldogs will wrap up the regular season on Nov. 2 when they head up the road to tangle with the Luvierne Tigers.

If Brantley can survive its opening four games, the Bulldogs should have a solid chance of winning the region and posting yet another winning record. However, it won't be easy!

Coach Gary Glass will be back for his second season at the Bulldog helm, and his vastly improved Kinston Bulldogs are looking forward to hitting the field and showing their opponents that they are no longer an easy win on anybody's schedule.

The Bulldogs will be on the road for the opening two weeks of the season as they travel to Samson on Aug. 31 to battle the Samson Bulldogs and then head over to Hartford on Sept. 7 to meet the powerful Geneva County Bulldogs. Kinston will make a rare early-season appearance at home on Sept. 14 when they jump into region action against the Arton Purple Cats, and will then be back on the road the next two weeks as they meet region foe Florala on Sept. 21 and defending region champ Brantley on Sept. 28. Kinston's fans will get to unpack their bags for the remainder of the regular season, as all four of their remaining games will be at home. The long home stand will begin on Oct. 5 with a region clash with the Pleasant Home Eagles, and will

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Elba grad leaves post at Marshall

Todd McCall named head athletic trainer at Wyoming

Bill Lyons, Wyoming's Head Athletic Trainer for the past 16 years, has been elevated to a new position as Coordinator of Curriculum Development for UW's sports medicine program. Athletics Director Lee Moon announced recently, and named to assume the position of head trainer was Elba graduate Todd McCall.

Lyons, who has been a UW athletic trainer for 24 years, the past 16 as head trainer, will be involved in the expansion of Wyoming's current athletic

trainer education program. Todd McCall, 28, who for the past two years has been head football athletic trainer at Marshall University (Marshall, W. Va.), will assume Wyoming's head trainer position. McCall earned a BS in Athletic Training from the University of Alabama in 1996. He earned a Master's in Sports Administration from the University of Southern Mississippi (Hattiesburg) in 1998.

A native of Elba, AL, McCall

McCall also has worked with

the Jacksonville Jaguars during their training camp (1996), the Shreveport Pirates of the CFL (1995), and the Blue/Gray All-Star football game in Montgomery, Ala. (1995). "This is a great opportunity and step for me," McCall said. "I am looking forward to contributing to what is a great situation at Wyoming. What Bill and his staff have done here is nationally recognized. I am really looking forward to being a Cowboy."



ROSHANDA MCKINNON

Elba's Roshanda McKinnon signs with Wallace C.C.

Elba Lady Tiger basketball standout Roshanda McKinnon announced this week that she had signed a basketball scholarship with George C. Wallace Community College, in Dothan. McKinnon, a four-year starter with the Lady Tigers, was a Class 3A All-State selection in 2001 and was a two-time member of The Dothan Eagle's "Super 12" prep basketball squad.

As a senior, McKinnon averaged 17.6 points, 9.3 rebounds, 2.8 steals and 2.1 assists per game in leading the Lady Tigers to the Sub-Regional finals. She scored a career-high 35 points in a win over Zion Chapel, and also scored 30 points in a key area win over Calhoun.

"I just wanted to play college basketball," said McKinnon, "and got tired of talking to coaches and visiting schools. When Coach Sasser at Wallace offered me the scholarship, I signed it and now I am working hard to get ready to play. Wallace has a solid women's program, and I feel I have the chance to step in and play as a freshman. I hope to continue my career and move on to a four-year college after two years at Wallace, and look forward to getting back on the court."

"I have never been around a player that worked any harder or was more dedicated than Roshanda," stated Elba Lady Tiger Coach Leroy Carley. "Her leadership and skill made it possible for our program to take a giant step forward, and I have no doubt she will be the next step in her career, because Roshanda has what it takes to play at the major college level. She is a leader on and off the court and leads by example. She makes everyone she plays with better by her work habits and her brand of play on the basketball court."

McKinnon is a 2001 graduate of Elba High School, where she also excelled in softball.

Nick Bruce finishes fourth in return to action at SAS

By Mark Chisum

On Saturday night, July 28, it was Midseason Championship time for the Super Stock class at South Alabama Speedway. Jody Henderson was the favorite coming into the race, having won in his last four starts, but after 50 laps, it was Bill Brown taking home the winner's trophy.

Henderson led the way in qualifying, but Brown started on the pole after the inversion draw. Brown took the early lead, but it was evident the fastest car was Henderson, who started seventh. Henderson moved into

second on the fifth lap, and changed past Brown two laps later. The complexion of the race took a dramatic turn on lap 11 when Henderson's engine let go. Brown retook the lead, then held off the challenges of first Mike Rawls, and then David Ashley to take the win. Ashley and Rawls took second and third. Tommy Adams was fourth and Greg Rayburn fifth.

In the Late Model Feature, Ed Baker got the jump on the start and led all 25 laps to take the win. Royce Johnston and Heath Mills started in the rear of the pack, and couldn't overcome the lead that Baker had established.

Friday, August 10, is deadline to register for youth football and cheerleading squads in Elba

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation is now conducting registration for the upcoming Tri-County Football League season for both players and cheerleaders.

Football registration is open to boys ages 6-12, with teams to be divided into age groups of 6-8, 9-10 and 11-12. A player's age will be based upon his age on August 1, 2001.

Cheerleader registration is open to girls ages 6-12 and squads will be divided based on age, with the age groups being 6-8, 9-10 and 11-12. Age will be based upon a cheerleader's age on August 1, 2001.

A nominal fee is charged for both football and cheerleading. Registration forms are available at the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation office, located at 741 North Clayton Avenue. For more information call the Recreation office at 897-6833.

Forms will also be available at the Elba Elementary School when school starts.

The deadline to register for football or cheerleading is Friday, August 10, at 5:00 PM.

Elba and Zion Chapel to meet Aug. 24

The high school football season will kick off a week early for area football fans later this month when the Elba Tigers and Zion Chapel Rebels meet for the first time ever in a preseason game scheduled for Friday, August 24, at Miller Memorial Stadium.

The preseason game will begin at 7 p.m. and consist of four quarters, and will serve as a fund-raiser for both programs.

"Back several years ago the Alabama High School Athletic Association approved jamborees either in the spring or in the fall," stated Elba Tiger coach Mike Waters. "Many schools used the change to schedule games the week before the regular season, and the preseason games have

Hunter Education courses set for Coffee County Farm Center

Hunter education courses will be offered at various sites around the state in coming months, according to the schedule recently released by the Alabama Department of Conservation and Forestry.

The courses will be taught by instructors certified by the Wildlife and Fisheries Division, and are mandatory for all first time hunting license buyers born on or after August 1, 1977.

The course satisfies the requirements of Alabama law, and involves training hunter ethics, state wildlife and hunting

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Alabama's hunter education course is accepted in all 48 U.S. States and Canadian provinces where hunter education is mandatory before hunting license purchases.

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Click It or Ticket campaign increases Alabama seat belt usage rate

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From May 21 through June 3, Alabama law enforcement agencies joined thousands of officers throughout the region to step up enforcement as part of Click It or Ticket—an aggressive, high-visibility effort to save lives. People who were not buckled up, or whose young children were not in child safety seats received tick, etc.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration experts predict that, by maintaining the current 77 percent usage rate for one year, Alabama can save 68 lives, prevent 772 injuries and see an economic savings of \$76,478,801.

This campaign was successful because we had full participation from all Alabama law enforcement agencies," said Colonel James Alexander, director of the Alabama Department of Public Safety. "I would also like to commend the citizens of Alabama for their willingness to comply with the law and help save lives."

Click It or Ticket was a partnership between Governor Don Siegelman, the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, the Alabama Department of Public Safety and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The Click It or Ticket regional blitz included Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

GIVE HONOR TO WHOM HONORS DO

Bishop Mar Hirron Ignatius Williams and Pastor Linda Williams.

We the family of the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit at Abundant Life would like to take this time to make known to all men and women that August 17th was declared by the mayor of the City of Elba to be Bishop Mar Hirron Ignatius Williams Day in the City of Elba.

On this day four years ago he was the first African American to be consecrated as a Bishop in full vestment in the State of Alabama....So in tribute to Bishop Hirron Williams:

In Tribute.... Bishop Hirron Williams

And who do men say that you are? Some call you "The Bishop." Others relate to you as "The Prophet." And many have even titled you "A Radical Preacher." But who do we say that you are? The Bishop and Father of this house, the one the God has divinely chosen to carry the genetic imprint and characteristics of A New Breed. One who has indelibly imprinted within our spirits and minds Kingdom principles, that will forever change the course of our destinies. Your teachings have liberated the captives, Rescued the perishing, Provided an oasis for those in desert place, And renewed solidarity, and singleness of vision among us as a people. Our spirits continually rejuvenate your precepts and examples that have been so vividly demonstrated within our midst. You've taught us to soar, to excel, To elevate our minds...think the unthinkable...Dream the impossible...To redefine our borders and challenge every obstacle! The sacrifices of your family, Pastor Linda and your children, are greatly appreciated. They have counted the cost, And yet persisted in unselfishly sharing you with the rest of the world. To the Williams family - We Thank You!! And to those who are of The Constitution of The New Abundant Life Ministries, The Commander in Chief, and the Captain of New Abundant Life Ministries, Inc. has announced that we are now moving at warp speed! We are pioneering new frontiers, And navigating a previously uncharted course! With precision we must execute his directives. There is no room for lethargy, slumber or sleep. In rank, file and order, we must assume our places. Embrace the vision, and seize the moment.

From:

The Cathedral of the Holy Spirit at New Abundant Life, Family

WE INVITE you to come and share in the Bishop's 4th annual celebration, Friday and Saturday night, August 17-18 at 7:30 and ending Sunday morning with a Special Minister's Consecration.

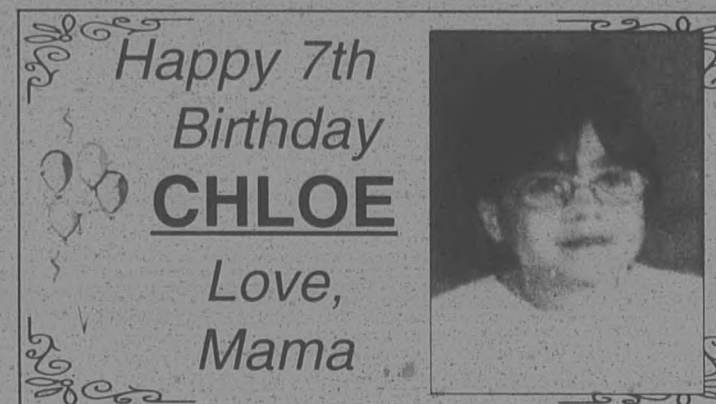
FRIDAY NIGHT SPEAKER - Pastor Tgm Reshard, Rivers of Life Ministries, Thomasville, Georgia

SATURDAY NIGHT SPEAKER - Minister Joel Wade, Detroit, Michigan. He will be consecrated Sunday morning.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE - Bishop Hirron Williams and he will also be presiding over the consecration.



Elizabeth Strong of Elba recently was recognized as a recipient of The University of Alabama College of Human Environmental Sciences (HES) Stephanie Colbert Scholarship during Honors Day events at UA. Strong is shown with Dr. Judy Bonner, HES dean.



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Commissioners here of water problems on county road

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Coffee County Commissioners official meeting started at the announced 9:00 a.m. time Monday morning, but following an 8:00 "discussion time" gathering of the commissioners.

There is little discussion in most of these official meetings as the members apparently have each voted their position in either a Wednesday planning session or at the 8:00 a.m. gathering.

The board did hear from Mr. Joseph Danley who is upset about water damage to his property. Mr. Danley said he had discussed this with commissioners and the engineer for several years but the problem still exists.

County Engineer Randy Tindell showed the commissioners a video of the area being discussed by Mr. Danley and gave each commissioner drawings of the watershed which drained across the road in question, County Road 212, a dirt road.

Tindell explained that the area is in the flood plain and the cost of doing what Mr. Danley was requesting would be very high.

The commissioners and the engineer agreed to try some less expensive modifications and see if that would help the problem.

The Coffee County Jail still has some water dripping through the roof, reportedly from the air conditioning system. Jail Supervisor Zack Andrews told the commission, Phil Rugg said they were working on the problem.

The county jail has about 106 inmates at this time, in a facility with a capacity of 126. About 25 of these are state prisoners.

The commissioners approved a pay raise for the Revenue Commissioner under a legislative bill passed by the Alabama Legislature. Commissioner Robert Stephens opposed the action, saying the long range impact on the taxpayers was too much. He noted that the legislative action would already give the same percentage raises to elected officials each year, as the commissioners raised county employees.

The commission voted to turn sales tax and the tobacco tax collection over to LGR, at a cost less than is being charged by the Alabama Department of Revenue.

Commissioner Stephens opposed this also, saying "It sounds wonderful, but a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush, and we know the state is going to pay us."

County Administrator Wilson Mobley told commissioners that officials with the Farm Market

Authority of Alabama has been highly complimentary of Coffee County on administering the pilot program which furnished vegetables to elderly citizens. Coffee County operated the program more efficiently and with fewer problems than any of the others in the pilot program.

A committee was appointed to set prices on lots in the Industrial Park located on Highway #125, across from the Coffee County landfill, named to that committee are Jim Thompson, Robert Stephens and Doug Dyalynpe. Engineer Randy Tindell and Administrator Wilson Mobley will also serve on this committee.

Commissioner Bernest Brooks abstained from voting on the committee appointments.

Continuing complaints about county garbage pick-up was discussed by commissioners. A motion to deduct payments when the company failed to pick up garbage was discouraged by the county attorney and was tabled until the matter could be discussed with representatives of the contractor.

The commissioners met Tuesday afternoon to work on the budget for the coming year and to discuss redistricting of the commission districts. They will also meet with the garbage contractor on several problems.



ROBERT CANNON was recently presented a plaque of appreciation from the Elba Industrial Development Board for his many years of service. He has served continuously on the board since its original inception over 40 years ago. Pictured above are Elba Mayor James Grimes, Cannon and Industrial Board Chairman Eddie Kelley.

Elba School Board continues to battle with proration of state funds

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board members heard some good and some bad news last Thursday evening.

The bad news was continuing reports of proration of education funds from the State of Alabama.

Superintendent Danny Weeks told board members of recent reports out of Montgomery indicating a possible increase in the percentage of proration of state education funds for the balance of the fiscal year. Weeks said he expected to get the official word and amount of additional proration in the next few days.

The Elba school system could possibly complete the fiscal year (September 30) without additional borrowing from the bank if there is no additional state fund cuts. This is in spite of the fact the regular monthly state check was cut \$26,000 below the normal allotted funds.

Weeks explained that being able to pay salaries from capital funds and textbook funds make this feat a possibility. However, it could cause trouble in later years as repairs funded from the

Tremendous!!

Budget hearings for the coming year are set to begin on Monday, August 27th.

There will be a special Elba-Zion Chapel football game real soon in Miller Memorial Stadium. Be there.

Area Happenings

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PRESEASON FOOTBALL The Elba Tigers and the Zion Chapel Rebels will meet Friday, Aug. 24, for a preseason football game at 7 p.m. at Miller Memorial Stadium in Elba. The game will be a fundraiser for both programs.

COFFEE COUNTY BOE BUDGET HEARINGS The Coffee County Board of Education will hold the first public hearing for the purpose of presenting the system-wide budget for FY2002 on Monday, Aug. 27, at 6:30 p.m. The second public hearing will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 30. Both public hearings will be held at the Board of Education Administrative office at 440 Reddick Hill Road, Elba. Parents, teachers and interested citizens may attend these budget hearings. Budget forms will be available at the superintendent's office prior to the hearing. On Aug. 30, the Board will hold a special meeting at 12:15 p.m. to approve the FY2002 Budget.

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING The Elba City Council will hold a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Monday evening, August 20, 2001 to open bids on a new DARE automobile. The automobile bids are the only item scheduled to be discussed in this called city council meeting. Following this meeting, the council will adjourn and conduct an informal work session.



LOCAL BUSINESS EXPANDS. Several local officials and business people were on hand recently as the Elba Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for the newest venture of Cash Brothers Leasing in Elba. The ribbon cutting ceremony introduced The Mobile Attic, a mobile storage unit which is produced and leased by the company. The locally owned firm plans to increase production and add employees over the next several months. Those present for the ceremony included (from left): Sam Cooper, Miss Elba Corey Holloway, Tommy Skinner, DeDe Carney, Ramona Grantham, Melinda Vaughan, Barry Giles, Jerrice Davis, Future Little Miss Elba Brinley Williams, Mary Cash, James Barnes, Russ Cash, Doris Matthews, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Sarah Corder, Pete Cash, Little Miss Elba Brooke Weks, Keith Marbut, Jane Cash, Junior Miss Elba Mary Katherine Head, Jim Chapman, Kaye Waitworth, Wayne Johnson and Herby McCall.

Everett working to protect peanut growers in new federal farm bill

by Congressman Terry Everett

The New Peanut Program Provisions Will Protect Peanut Growers Who Face Mounting Opposition in Washington and from Foreign Imports.

WASHINGTON — The House Agriculture Committee began mark-up of the new ten-year federal farm bill Thursday, agreeing on the specifics of the new peanut program title which protect growers and the peanut industry from Washington opponents and cheap foreign imports, Congressman Terry Everett, R-Enterprise, announced.

Everett, chairman of the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Specialty Crops and Foreign Agriculture Programs (which oversees federal peanut policy), was instrumental in drafting the new peanut program language which was adopted today in committee.

"Forces are combining to bring about the end of the peanut program and we must respond to protect the growers and the industry," Everett said.

"The new peanut program language addresses the main concerns of the current program's growing bi-partisan political opposition in Washington while also protecting the growers from the rise in foreign peanut imports."

"Starting in 2004, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) will allow unlimited access to peanuts and peanut butter from Mexico. In addition, similar access could be given to other Latin American countries through the proposed Free Trade Area of the Americas agreement. We must have a peanut program that addresses this surge in cheap imported peanuts and does not attract continued political opposition in the House of Congress."

"Peanut producers, shellers and manufacturers alike have testified before my subcommittee this summer that the time to change the peanut program is now. Having all three segments of the industry together is a historic feat and demonstrates the need for this change to occur so that the domestic peanut industry can stay viable."

The new peanut title adopted in committee Thursday would phase out the current peanut quota system over five years, providing quota holders a 10 cent-a-pound buy-out for their quota peanuts over the five-year period. Furthermore, the program would be transformed into a market loan structure whereby the federal government guarantees growers a \$350-a-ton market loan payment, while setting the domestic peanut target price at \$480-a-ton. In addition, growers would receive a \$36-a-ton fixed decoupled payment.

"By gradually removing the political bull's eye from the peanut program, we are able to retain a program which can be profitable for growers and avoid further attack. The shift to a market loan program will also ensure that growers can make a profit in the face of rising foreign imports."

The new peanut title is part of the new ten-year Farm Bill which is expected to be cleared through the House Agriculture Committee by early next week.

City Council reviewing 2000 census numbers before deciding on redistricting of the five city council districts

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council members are reviewing the require-

ments to determine if Elba city council districts should be redistricted following the 2000 census reports. Federal laws require this periodic realigning if district population sizes vary over a predetermined percentage.

Council members plan to discuss this issue in an informal work session planned for Monday evening at 5:30 p.m. Also to be discussed is annual budget needs for the next fiscal year.

The council will also hold a short official meeting to open bids on a new DARE car. Mayor James Grimes said during the Monday night meeting that the only item to be discussed in this special called meeting is the DARE car purchase.

Council members were also given copies of a study on the cost and income from new sewer connections. The printed study shows the average labor and equipment cost when the sewer main is not in the street is \$91.64 per foot. When the line is under the pavement the cost goes higher. There is an additional cost when pipe fittings are used. PVC sewer pipe cost \$2.00 per foot and one frequently used fitting cost \$17.40 each. If it is necessary to bore under a state highway to reach the sewer main line, the cost could run into the thousands of dollars.

The city presently charges \$100.00 per sewer tap, regardless of complexity.


Also there is a deposit of \$55.00 required for each sewer tap. The sewer tap study recommends increasing this to \$30.00.

The council approved a resolution addressed to the Alabama State Mental Health Board officially endorsing the continued presence of the South Central Mental Health Board in Elba and Coffee County.


Monthly bills totaling \$21,600.33 were approved for payment. They included \$2,061.39 for vehicle and equipment repairs; \$2,096.25 for chemicals; \$766.65 for asphalt mix and concrete; \$800.00 annual payment on senior Citizens Aide; and \$4,842.00 for annual flood insurance payment on city hall, police department building, fire department building and the Legion Field press box.

FUND RAISING
The members of the Elba City Commission will be holding a fund raising event on Monday, August 20, 2001 at 5:30 p.m. at the Elba City Council chambers. The event will be a silent auction and a cash raffle. The proceeds from this event will be used to fund the city's sewer main project.

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